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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO HP
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to provide special economic assistance to Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board to construct small, medium and large hydro power projects in the State; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) & (b) : No proposal is under consideration in Planning Commission for providing special economic assistance to Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board (HPSEB) to take up power projects. However, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) are providing subsidy @ Rs.2.25 crore/MW for the first MW and reducing for subsequent MWs for setting up small hydro power projects up to 25 MW station capacity in special category States including Himachal Pradesh. MNRE has so far supported 6 Small Hydro Power projects of 33 MW taken up by HPSEB. A total subsidy of Rs.43.53 crore has been sanctioned and against this an amount of Rs.26.84 crore has been released to HPSEB.